



**Arkansas Department of Human Services
Division of Youth Services**

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SUBJECT: Division of Youth Services Computer Based Learning

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RELATED STANDARD:**RELATED AR CODE:****RESOURCE:**

- I. POLICY:** The Division of Youth Services and its providers will follow all state and federal law as applicable to the education of juveniles by way of the internet and virtual classes. DYS will also follow guidelines and rules established by the Arkansas Department of Education. DYS as a policy requires internet blocks or filters to prevent individuals from accessing material on the internet that is considered obscene, pornographic, harmful to minors, or contact with individuals outside the facility (chat rooms, Facebook, emails) as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act, Arkansas State laws and/or DYS policy.
- II. APPLICATION:** DYS and its providers
- III. DEFINITIONS:** See DYS Glossary Policy for definitions.
- IV. PROCEDURES:**
- A. Youth will only be allowed to use computers established for youth use for video/virtual classes.
 - B. When youth are using the internet, they will be directly supervised and monitored by education staff only. There will be no expectation of privacy.
 - C. Youth will be allowed to access specific educational websites during school hours as allowed by facility administrator, education administrator (principal) or designee.
 - D. The use of computers and the internet is considered a privilege and not a right. School administrators or teachers may deny, revoke or suspend youth access at any time.
 - E. If staff or anyone else suspects a security breach has occurred, the computer affected will not be used until cleared by DYS IT staff.
 - F. Youth are to notify staff immediately if they suspect a security breach or problem has occurred.
 - G. Technology Measures:
 - 1. Technology protection measures will be used to block access to inappropriate content via the internet or other forms of electronic communications.
 - 2. Access to the internet by youth is controlled to allow youth the ability to only access specific educational websites.

3. The list of authorized educational websites that youth can access can only be modified by official (written) designation from the DYS Education System Superintendent.
4. Computers designated for youth access are on a separate system (network, etc.) for other users.
5. Technology protection measures can never be minimized by the Provider or DYS staff, other than by official designation (email, etc.) from the IT Director and Education Superintendent for a specific website that is deemed acceptable for youth.